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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 JERRY WAYNE KOHL,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR21-0174-JCC-13

ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on the party's motion to seal certain criminal history
16 materials. (Dkt. No. 619.) While the public has a common law right to inspect and copy public
17 records, including those from judicial proceedings, these rights are not absolute. They must yield
18 when (1) sealing a document serves a compelling interest, (2) that is substantially likely to be
19 harmed if the document is not sealed, and (3) there are no less restrictive alternatives for
20 protecting the interest. *See United States v. Doe*, 870 F.3d 991, 998 (9th Cir. 2017). Given the
21 nature of the information contained in the materials at issue, these criteria are met here.
22 Accordingly, the motion to seal (Dkt. No. 619) are GRANTED and the Clerk is DIRECTED to
23 maintain Docket Number 620 under seal.

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DATED this 27th day of September 2023.



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John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE